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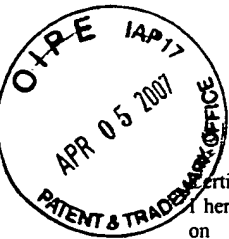
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## **III. Non-English References**

- ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:
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- ☐ The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith.
- ☒ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items. (Attached)

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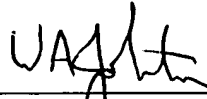
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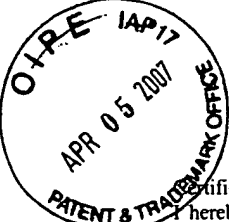
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English translation of Abstract for Taiwan Patent Publication Nos. TW202,704 and TW195,341 are not available. U-shaped locks are disclosed, in which the U-shaped shaft can be inserted in one of the two openings of the lock body.

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